

SENATE BILL NO. 2441

Introduced by

Senator Freborg

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for school district reorganization bonuses.

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

3 **SECTION 1. Reorganization bonus - Eligibility - Distribution.**

- 4 1. If a school district reorganizes with one or more contiguous school districts or
5 portions of districts, the newly reorganized district is entitled to receive a
6 reorganization bonus, provided at least one of the reorganizing districts is a high
7 school district and that the newly reorganized district consists of at least eight
8 hundred square miles.
- 9 2. The total reorganization bonus to which a newly reorganized district is eligible
10 consists of:
- 11 a. Fifty thousand dollars per one hundred square mile block, or a major portion
12 thereof, included within the reorganized district and calculated by determining
13 the lesser of the total square mileage of the reorganized district or one
14 thousand four hundred square miles, and subtracting from that amount the
15 square mileage of the largest district or portion of a district involved in the
16 reorganization;
- 17 b. One thousand dollars per student calculated by determining the total fall
18 enrollment of the newly reorganized district and subtracting from that amount
19 the fall enrollment in the district or portion of the district that had the largest
20 student population of those districts or portions of districts participating in the
21 reorganization during the school year immediately preceding the effective
22 date of the reorganization; and
- 23 c. Twenty-five thousand dollars for each whole school district that formed the
24 reorganized district.

1 3. The superintendent of public instruction shall distribute the reorganization bonus to
2 each eligible reorganized district during the month of December, following the
3 effective date of the district's reorganization.

4 **SECTION 2. Reorganization bonus - Distribution - Limitation.** For purposes of
5 distributing reorganization bonuses, the superintendent of public instruction shall determine the
6 eligibility of reorganized districts chronologically, according to the date on which each district's
7 reorganization plan was approved by the state board of public school education. The
8 superintendent of public instruction shall make the distribution of reorganization bonuses from
9 funds made available in the grants - foundation aid and transportation line items in Senate Bill
10 No. 2013, as approved by the fifty-sixth legislative assembly, for the 1999-2001 biennium,
11 except that the superintendent may not expend more than two million dollars during the
12 1999-2001 biennium for the purpose of this Act. A reorganized district that receives a
13 reorganization bonus under this Act is not eligible to receive additional reorganization bonuses
14 based on future reorganization efforts for a period of ten years.